REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In the application, no claims currently stand allowed and claims 28, 33, 34, 36-42, and 44-48 stand rejected. Claims 28, 33, 34, 36-42, and 44-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonderegger ("Sonderegger"), U.S. Patent No. 5,692,129 in view of Zarmer et al. ("Zarmer"), U.S. Patent No. 5,625,818. Claims 35 and 43 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claims 28 and 40 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of previously pending claims 35 and 43 respectively. Claims 33-39 and 41-48 have been canceled. All of the pending claims now include limitations indicated by the Final Office action as allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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